

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Thomas H. Ham (Reg. No. 43,654) on 02/24/09.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1, line 2, "GPS" has been changed to --Global Positioning System (GPS)--

Claim 1, lines 2-3, "processing samples at a first bit level" has been changed to -
-processing samples at a first bit level using an analog-to-digital converter (ADC)--

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The present invention relates to method for acquiring GPS spread spectrum signal by processing signal sample at different bit level. Upon further consideration, prior art of record, closest reference (Hellmark – US 6,504,863), taking individually or collectively, fails to suggest a motivation for incorporating in such a method, as claimed as a whole, including subject matter "wherein the step of processing samples at a first bit level is used to acquire the GPS signal; and wherein the step of processing samples at a second bit level is used to measure a pseudorange from the GPS signal" in independent claim 1 (claims 2, 4-10 depend therefrom). Thus, claims 1, 1, 4-10 are found to novel and unobvious over prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dac V. Ha whose telephone number is 571-272-3040. The examiner can normally be reached on 4/4.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Payne can be reached on 571-272-3024. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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